

APPROVED: Meeting No. 23-94

ATTEST: *Paula [Signature]*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 19-94

May 24, 1994

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on May 24, 1994, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor James F. Coyle

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Nina Weisbroth

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer and Brenda Bean, Legal Secretary, City Clerk's Office.

Re: Worksession on FY95 Operating Budget

Capital Improvements Program

Mr. Romer indicated that a third and final worksession on the FY95 Operating Budget would be held on June 3, 1994.

As a result of discussions in earlier worksession, Ruck Kuckkahn, Assistant City Manager, gave a broad overview and then the following projects were discussed.

- Art in Public Architecture. 1% set aside for every public project that is done for art pieces associated with that art project.
- Art in Public Places. Every year a certain amount is set aside for art

Meeting No. 19-94

2

May 24, 1994

projects. A portion of this amount is allocated to fund the Town Center project.

- Beall Dawson Master Plan Improvements. Second year of a final contribution. The CIP should reflect that the City will be responsible for certain exterior landscaping.

- Glenview Mansion Improvements. Councilmember Krasnow inquired about the installation of the elevator and it was her impression the cost would be \$200,000. Burt Hall indicated that this would be a two phase contract, part of it funded in FY95 and part of it funded in FY96. This would cover the second floor renovations and the cost of the elevator.

- Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacements. Replacing current wood bridges with a maintenance free, long-lasting steel.

- Redgate Golf Course Improvements. Installation of perimeter fencing. There was discussion concerning the purchase of a strip of land, adjacent to the golf course currently on the market which consists of approximately 25 acres, to be used for either a state-of-the art practice facility or a 9-hole golf course. Another option would be to look at costs of purchasing enough land, 100 additional square feet or so, to provide buffer between development adjacent to the golf course and the golf course. The City Real Estate Specialist will explore these possibilities.

- Swim Center Master Plan Improvements. South Pool roofing; snack bar modernization.

- ADA Compliance Transition Plan. There is no separate allocation for this

Meeting No. 19-94

3

May 24, 1994

plan because throughout the budget document funds are allocated for various projects and ADA requirements are being met under those projects.

- Outdoor Security Lighting. This lighting will replace lighting in the City's large facility parking lots that are very old. New design standards are the single pole construction which projects a brighter light and provides more security. These lights are currently being placed in the City Hall Parking lot.

- Underground Fuel Tank Replacements. Councilmember Krasnow asked whether we should wait another year for this project and inquired whether federal and state guidelines were met. Burt Hall indicated that testing was currently underway and if any tanks tested positive for leakage, those tanks would be replaced immediately. Funds from another project would cover costs.

- Civic Center Park Natural Areas. Previously authorized money available for this project with the balance in an out-year fund.

Mayor Coyle commented that this figure does not reflect many improvements made over the years to various ball fields in the City and that out-years do not necessarily mean a delay. In the past six years, there have been substantial improvements to ball fields throughout the City.

- Aerial Mapping Project. Councilmember Krasnow asked whether the City has to buy in to this project. While this project has been in the works for several years, Mr. Kuckkahn said this year the project is imminent and it is the right time for funding.

- Concrete Maintenance. The total amount allocated reads \$518,000 and

Meeting No. 19-94

4

May 24, 1994

should read \$705,000. This figure reflects additional previously authorized money.

Councilmember Krasnow questioned the FY96 amount of \$820,000, as opposed to FY95 figure of \$250,000. The \$820,000 figure reflects a high priority project and ensures appropriate funding, but a more realistic figure is in the range of \$700,000.

- Fleet Street Extension. This project is part of the Marlo Furniture Contract. Councilmember Krasnow inquired how much of this cost, if any, Marlo would be responsible for under the terms of their contract. Mr. Romer mentioned that the developer for the Marlo site contributed \$100,000 for the public road projects connected with the Marlo development. There are some additional monies required from Marlo for other areas under the contract; the amount noted is for public road construction.

- Smoothseal Program. Councilmember Dorsey asked if the calculations were done prior to the very cold, snowy winter and what impact, if any, did the bad winter have on the projected numbers. Mr. Romer responded that the gross amount recommended for smoothseal did take into account the anticipated extra burden of the winter.

Councilmember Krasnow asked when determination was made to mill; she referenced several overlays which could result in trip hazards between curbs and gutters. Gerry Morningstar indicated that in those instances, they are repaired on a specific basis, but that generally it is not a problem, only one or two cases reported. It was decided to look at this carefully in terms of design work in the next year.

- Wootton Parkway - 7 Locks Road to Rockville Pike. This is to complete two

Meeting No. 19-94

5

May 24, 1994

of the three water quality requisite projects on West Edmonston and Leverton Roads.

The Dusty Hill Farm Infiltration is under contract right now, and the Don Mills facility is near completion.

Councilmember Krasnow inquired whether the monies available are to finish West Edmonston and Leverton, or to completely construct them. Susan Straus, Senior Civil Engineer replied that it is to finish the projects; that there is previously authorized money for this purpose.

- Corner Ramps (Americans with Disabilities Act compliance).

Councilmember Dorsey asked whether we are meeting time requirements of the ADA and was assured by Cheryl Lampkin, the City's ADA Coordinator, that all ADA related improvements are being done in a timely manner in accordance with the requirements under the Act. Mayor Coyle commented that whenever an improvement is being made where an ADA issue may arise, i.e., curb cuts, etc., requirements under the Act are automatically taken into consideration at that project location. Cheryl Lampkin mentioned that ADA improvements are also done on an "as requested" basis.

- North Farm Traffic Improvements. The North Farm neighborhood residents are experiencing problems getting in and out of their neighborhood and any future development on surrounding parcels of land will only worsen an already bad situation. Even though the City offered to fund some of the costs for traffic improvements, Montgomery County turned down the request of the North Farm neighborhood.

- Seven Locks Road Dead End. This project would relocate the dead end

Meeting No. 19-94

6

May 24, 1994

portion of this road to the entrance of Montgomery County Police Station.

Councilmember Krasnow asked to be kept up-to-date on the status of this project in view of the dangerous conditions of that Road.

- Southlawn Lane (Loftstrand to Gude). This project will fund reconstruction costs associated with the road's widening. Councilmember Dorsey inquired whether or not industrial businesses benefitting from the road could be assessed. Mr. Kuckkahn mentioned that this project is being bonded and if possible, assessments will be passed on to surrounding businesses.

- Cabin John Watershed Management Plan. This project will fund development of a management plan for the Cabin John watershed. Funds in the amount of \$5,800 have been spent so far. Councilmember Krasnow inquired what costs were related to the Watershed Plan study and was informed that the amount is \$30,000.

Mayor Coyle asked that a footnote be placed on this item reflecting the out-year of the major construction items that will exist.

- Watts Branch Watershed Plan. There was discussion comparing the cost of this study with that of the Cabin John study. The City used Council of Governments for the Cabin John Watershed Plan which was a cost savings. This was supplemented by City staff time conducting hydraulic analysis.

- Southlawn Water Main. Councilmember Krasnow inquired whether this project could be done at the same time as the road improvements, and expressed concern that one project will not impede the other. Mr. Kuckkahn indicated that there is a

Meeting No. 19-94

7

May 24, 1994

more urgent need for this project from a fire protection viewpoint.

- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation.** Discussions centered around why, in view of continuous blockages and failures, this project was not funded until 1998. Mr. Morningstar explained that this project requires more than the usual amount of maintenance.

- **Rock Creek Relief Sewer.** This project is required to accommodate development in Town Center, and will be monitored more closely as development begins so that sewer lines are installed at the appropriate time. Project funding may be moved up from FY2000.

- **Arterial Street Lighting.** There was discussion regarding fiscal years FY96 and FY97. Mr. Kuckkahn indicated this was due to previously authorized and current year funding for this project. Mr. Romer explained that this is simply a recognition that there is adequate funding for this function and there is no need for additional allotment.

- **Church Street Sidewalk/Street Lights.** This project is projected for FY96 and has the flexibility to be moved up if the need arises. Eileen McGuckian, Executive Director of Peerless Rockville, indicated that there is a contract for the Wire property and in all likelihood will be ready to go in early FY95. The City's commitment for FY95 funding is not necessary to finalize the sale of the property.

- **Town Center Street Light Replacement.** The City's Traffic Engineer has determined that some fixtures need replacement after careful review. If there are fixtures in the future that need replacement or repair work, there are funds in the arterial street

Meeting No. 19-94

8

May 24, 1994

lighting program to cover the costs.

At this time, Mr. Kuckkahn mentioned several CIP requests from citizens as follows:

Alan Gladimere requested a drainage way in the cul-de-sac where he resides. Possible funding for FY96.

The West End Civic Association requested a sidewalk on the south side of Great Falls Road from West Montgomery to Dale Drive. This request will also be explored.

Citizens from Scott Drive requested a traffic circle to slow down speeding vehicles. It was decided not to include this project in the program because of the limited effect this would have on the actual speed of vehicles. We continue to work with those residents, through the County, to resolve the speeding problems on Scott Drive. The City was prepared to install speed humps, but the residents decided they did not wish to have them installed. Councilmember Krasnow asked if the installment of a sidewalk might alleviate some of the problems for children walking home from school. Mr. Romer said there is a continuous sidewalk link all the way from Wootton Parkway to the school, on the opposite side of the Street. The Mayor and Council reviewed, after a brief presentation by the Director of Finance, Kevin Deckard, the Revenue Sources.

#### Outside Agency Requests

The Mayor and Council discussed outside agency requests and agreed to fund the following: Helping Hands Shelter, Child Care Connection, Rainbow Place



Meeting No. 19-94

9

May 24, 1994

Shelter, Community Ministries of Rockville Chase Shelter and Cordelia House.

National Chamber Orchestra

At this time, the Mayor and Council (Rose Krasnow abstaining from the vote) agreed to provide \$5,000 funding to the National Chamber Orchestra. Additionally, support by way of inkind services would also be provided. Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks noted that application has been made to the Maryland State Arts Council for a grant which is available to subsidize arts-related activities. If this grant is awarded, some of the monies derived therefrom would be allocated to the National Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Hall expects to get the results of this application within the next week.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the worksession was adjourned at 11:41 p.m., to convene again in worksession on May 31, 1994, or at the call of the Mayor.